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#### (54) USING A MICROFLUID MIXER

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# (57) ABSTRACT

A method includes directing first and second fluids into a plurality of first ports fluidly connected to a mixing chamber disposed between a first plate and a base plate, guiding the first and second fluids into a mixing chamber, directing the first and second fluid into a plurality of second ports fluidly connected to the plurality of first ports, guiding the first and second fluids from the plurality of second ports into another mixing chamber disposed between a second plate and the first plate and fluidly connected to the mixing chamber, activating a heating element to heat one of the first and second fluids entering the mixing chamber, creating a temperature gradient between the first and second fluids entering the mixing chamber, and operating a diaphragm operatively associated with the mixing chamber and the another mixing chamber to agitate the first and second fluids to form a fluid mixture.

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